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SUBJ: GENERAL EADE'S VISIT

1. GENERAL GEORGE J. EADE, DEPUTY COMMANDER IN CHIEF U.S. EUROPEAN COMMAND, VISITED NORWAY ON 21-23 OCTOBER INVITED BY MYSELF AND GENERAL ZEINER GUNDERSEN, CHIEF OF DEFENSE NORWAY. GENERAL EADE AND I WERE GIVEN A BRIEFING BY GENERAL ZEINER GUNDERSEN ON NORWAY'S DEFENSE POSTURE FOLLOWED BY A LUNCH AND DISCUSSION OF MUTUAL PROBLEMS WITH GENERAL ZEINER GUNDERSEN AND KEY MEMBERS OF THE NORWEGIAN DEFENSE COMMAND.

2. A CALL WAS PAID UPON MR. ALV FOSTERVOLL, MINISTER OF DEFENSE, DURING WHICH THE REPLACEMENT FIGHTER ISSUE WAS EXPLORED. A RECEPTION AND DINNER ON THE EVENING OF 21 OCTOBER GAVE GENERAL EADE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR, THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR, THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, HQ AFNORTH, AND IMPORTANT NORWEGIAN MILITARY AND POLITICAL FIGURES. GENERAL EADE WAS GIVEN A BRIEFING AND TOUR OF HQ AFNORTH AND THEN PRODEEDED TO NORTH NORWAY ACCOMPANIED BY MAJOR GENERAL RYG, OPERATIONS CHIEF, DEFENSE COMMAND NORWAY. IN NORTH NORWAY, GENERAL EADE VISITED BODO AIR STATION AND BARDUFOSS, ACCOMPANIED
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BY THE ACTING COMMANDER OF NORTH NORWAY (COMNON).

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3. GENERAL EADE'S VISIT WAS TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF
THE UNITED STATES INTEREST IN NORWAY AND THE NORTHERN
FLANK OF NATO. THE NORWEGIAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND
CHIEF OF DEFENSE WERE MOST PLEASED WITH THE VISIT OF
THIS SENIOR UNITED STATES MILITARY OFFICER. IT IS MY
OPINION THAT VISITS OF THIS NATURE SERVE NOT ONLY THE
INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND NATO, BUT ALSO OF
NORWAY IN GIVING ASSURANCE OF OUR CONTINUED AND ACTIVE
INTEREST IN THE CONTRIBUTION NORWAY IS MAKING TO OUR
COMMON DEFENSE. IN SHORT, WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE OTHER
VISITS BY OFFICERS LIKE GENERAL EADE WHO MAKE AN EXCELLENT
IMPRESSION ON THEIR NORWEGIAN HOSTS BOTH THROUGH THEIR PERSONALITY
AND THEIR OBVIOUS PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE.
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